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## **PAUL'S NOTE**

We had our open house at the Udall Center with Technicians for Sustainability regarding our new solar project at Udall Recreation Center. I'd like to thank all of you that attended.

As I've written in the newsletter before, the city is going into an agreement with TFS to make them the power provider at Udall Rec Center. By using the solar panels they are going to build, we will save approximately \$10,000 a year.

I've gotten a question from several members of the community: how much are the panels costing the city?

The answer: nothing.

TFS gets paid by providing power to Udall (which the city would have to buy from someone anyway) and selling any excess back to Tuc-

son Electric Power. They provide the panels for free as part of the agreement.

Udall Center, by the way, will be closed from Monday, August 8 through Friday, August 12 for maintenance. The rest of the park will be open.

Another of our parks and recreation facilities that is open is the zoo, and for those of you who play Pokémon Go (admit it, you do), the zoo is having special safari nights for you.

Come and catch Pokémon at Reid Park Zoo on Saturday, 7-10 pm.
Trainers can capture Pokémon, meet other players, and learn tips and tricks from local Pokémon GO pros.
Meanwhile, guests can enjoy music, face painting, caricatures, and more. Lures will be activated in the Pokémon GO app at several differ-

ent locations in the Zoo approximately every 30 minutes. Regular admission prices apply, but dress in Pokémon cosplay and get discounted member prices, even if you're not a member of the Zoo.

I'm not sure what all of that means, but I can ask my sons.

The monsoon is underway. Many people have called my office to ask about sand bags. A distribution site has been established at Tucson Fire Department Station 7, 4902 E Pima St. That's between Rosemont and Swan.

The distribution is selfserve and is limited to 10 bags per person. The pre-filled bags will be stacked on the west side of the station. TFD is asking that the public use Arcadia Avenue so as not to block access to Page 2 Paul Cunningham

## Paul's Note, Continued

the station.

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Congratulations to the Tucson Saguaros who are playing in the Pecos League playoffs in their very first year. They won the first game of the Southern Division Finals on Thursday night. I'm happy to see professional baseball return to Tucson. The Saguaros along with the Roadrunners and FC Tucson are doing a lot to make Tucson the sports hub it should be.

# RED TAG 101

What can I do about an unruly party?

How do I avoid having an unruly party?

The mission of the Tucson Police Department Red Tag unit is to serve the public by partnering and empowering our community through education to reduce the frequency and effects of unruly gatherings, thus promoting positive community and neighborhood relationships.

The unit has been created to assist the public with their questions in the event they are cited for an unruly gathering. The unit will send notification to property owners, via certified mail, of the incident. They will follow up on subsequent violation and track all unruly gatherings for the City of Tucson. Please contact the Red Tag Unit for more information at redtag@tucsonaz.gov or 837-7318.

### **CITY POOLS**

With record heat upon us and little relief from the heat over the next several days, it's a good time to stay cool in a pool. The City of Tucson's Parks and Recreation department has 18 pools open for public use over the summer. Be sure to bring plenty of sunscreen with you. The summer pool schedule is in effect until Aug. 3. Admission is \$2 for adults and pools are now **free for those 17 and younger**. Summer and annual passes also are available. View a listing of the pools and operating hours at the link below. You also can cool off at the Catalina Park splash pad at 900 N. Fourth Ave. or the Marty Birdman Center/Balboa Heights Park splash pad, 2536 N. Castro Ave. Both splash pads have manual activation systems that allow residents to turn on the water features as desired, and they also have playgrounds. The splash pads are operational through the end of October, 8 a.m. until dusk.

For more information, visit https://www.tucsonaz.gov/parks/pools-and-splash-pads

# WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY CELEBRATION

The Pima County/Tucson Women's Commission, an official local government agency, will be holding a major fundraising event in August. (While it has members appointed by and reports to both the City and the County, the Commission receives no funding from either.)

The event will celebrate both the annual Women's Equality Day and the 40th anniversary of the Women's Commission. It will be a luncheon held at the Lodge on the Desert, 306 N. Alvernon Way, on Thursday, August 25th from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. The theme of the day is "Equality: the Journey Continues." Master of Ceremonies for the luncheon will be KVOA news anchor Kristi Tedesco, and featured speakers will be Kristen Mayes, former chair of the Arizona Corporation Commission; Judy Rich, CEO of Tucson Medical Center, and Joe Broschak, professor of entrepreneurship at UA's Eller College of Management. The keynote speaker will be Carolyn Warner, three-time Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction and former gubernatorial candidate. Topics for their talks may be found on their website, www.pimatucsonwomen.org.

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### **CAROL WEST SENIOR CENTER**

**Health and Wellness Fair:** The Health and Wellness Fair will be on Thursday, September 29 from 11 am to 1 pm. There will be vendors, presentations, raffle, prizes and more.

**Casino Night:** Casino Night will be on Thursday, August 25 from 5 pm to 7:30 pm. The cost is \$8.00 per person. The event will include entertainment, food, gambling chips, great prizes from local businesses, and fun! The event is sponsored by The Forum of Tucson, and FiveStar Senior Living.

**Aquatic Fitness:** A free aquatic fitness class will be on Tuesday, August 30 from 8 am to 10:30 am. It will include a safety talk and snacks. Sponsored by CareMore.

**Udall Center Closure:** The Udall Center will be closed for annual maintenance beginning August 8 through 12. The center will re-open Monday, August 15.

Please contact the Carol West Senior Addition, 791-4121 for questions.

# **PARKS PROGRAMS**

**Summer Swim:** Pools open for Summer through August 4. Fall (year-round) swim schedule will be on August 4. For more City pool information call 791-4245 or 791-5352.

Fall Program Guide and Parks and Recreation Leisure Classes: The Tucson Parks and Recreation Fall Program Guide has been published, and registrations have started. The Fall Leisure classes for Session I takes place from August 28-October 15. Session II of classes will run October 23-December 10. For class and program availability, call Registration Services at 791-4877. Visit www.ezeereg.com for additional information.

**City Softball:** The City Softball League season begins August 15. Walk-in registrations are currently taking place at the Sports Unit located at 8155 E Poinciana Drive. Registration ends August 5.

Closures: Udall Center will be closed for annual maintenance beginning August 8 through 13.

The Sabino Canyon Road extension project work will require western entrance to be Udall Park to be closed for 2-3 weeks.

Call 791-4877 for more information or questions.

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Tucsonaz.gov/ ward2 Remember to like Paul on Facebook! Please bring these items to the Ward 2 Office for the following charities:

THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK—Non Perishable Items

DIAPER BANK OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA— Infant/Child/Adult Diapers

TIHAN - Personal Care Items for Individuals and Families in Need

LIONS CLUB—Eye Glasses

DANCING IN THE STREETS ARIZONA—Ballet/ Dance Equipment

CASA MARIA—Plastic bags

# MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The next Mayor and Council meeting will be on **Tuesday**, **August 9.** Regular Session starts at 5:30 pm following an afternoon study session. There is always a short call to the audience before the business portion of the meeting. Council chambers are located downtown at 255 W Alameda.

The agendas for the meetings are posted online at http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs

